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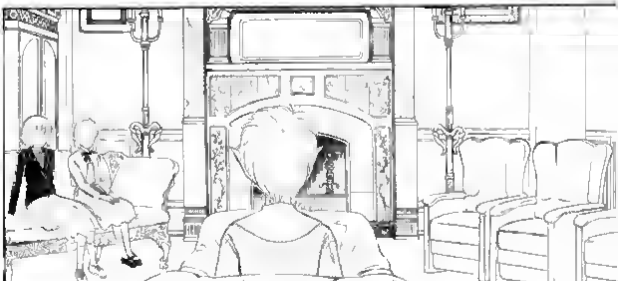
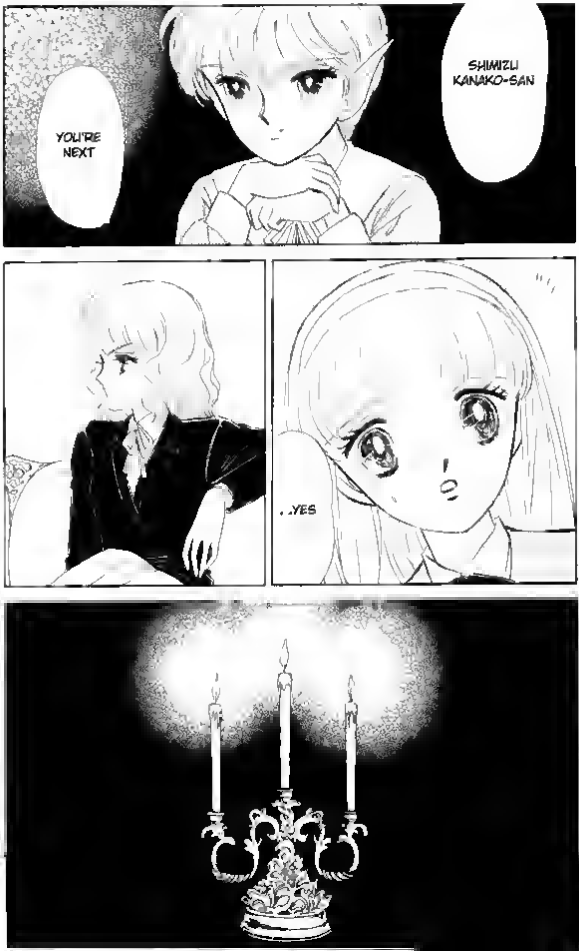
DARKNESS GATHERS

CHAPTER 4: 眠れる森の……
IN THE SLEEPING FOREST




SHIMIZU KANAKO-SAN
YOU'RE NEXT
..YES

I... JOINED THE DRAMA CLUB
AT FIRST I'D ONLY JOINED THE CLUB BECAUSE MY GOOD FRIEND SAEKO HAD PUSHED ME INTO IT, BUT...
AROUND THAT TIME THE DRAMA CLUB WAS PUTTING ON A PLAY FOR THE MAY FESTIVAL
I STARTED HELPING OUT WITH COSTUMES AND STAGE WORK
THE REASON THAT SOMEONE AS SHY AND RESERVED AS I AM COULD STAND UP ON A STAGE IN FRONT OF SO MANY PEOPLE, AND
THAT I COULD BEGIN TO LIKE THE PLAYS AS MUCH AS I DID
IS BECAUSE OF EVERYONE
AND SAE-CHAN ... AND AIHARA TOMOKI-KUN

IT WAS A FAIRY TALE OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE
TOMOKI-KUN WAS PLAYING THE PRINCE
AND THE PRINCESS WAS—!
A PRINCE OVERCOMES COUNTLESS HARDSHIPS
WHEN HIS PRINCESS WAS STRICKEN WITH A WITCH'S CURSE
BUT TERRIBLE RUMORS BEGAN TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM
THAT PERHAPS THE WITCH HAD DISGUISED HERSELF AS THE PRINCESS
AND TOOK HER BACK TO HIS COUNTRY AS HIS BRIDE

IF SHE WERE THE REAL PRINCESS THEN NO HARM WOULD COME TO HER, BUT IF SHE WERE A WITCH AND DRANK THE POTION, HER TRUE FORM WOULD BE REVEALED TO ALL

TO HAVE THE PRINCESS DRINK A CERTAIN DRUG

THE PRINCE RECEIVED A SUGGESTION FROM ONE OF HIS VASSALS

ON THEIR WEDDING DAY, WITH THE VASSALS WATCHING OVER THEM, THE ROYAL COUPLE TOASTED TO THEIR HEALTH

THE PRINCESS, HAVING DRUNK THE DRUGGED WINE

FELL TO THE FLOOR IN PAIN

IF THE PRINCE WANTED AN ANTIDOTE, SHE DEMANDED THAT SHE, INSTEAD BE TAKEN AS THE PRINCE'S EMPRESS

FOR THE TRUE PRINCESS LAY POISONED AND DYING ON THE FLOOR

AT WHICH POINT THE VASSAL CHANGED INTO THE WITCH AND LAUGHED

THAT'S THE CLIMAX

TOMOKI-KUN AND SAE-CHAN ARE BOTH SO WONDERFUL IN THEIR PARTS. ...

cough
.....
FUJI-KAWA-SEN...
AL-RIGHT
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY
turn
WE'LL GO THROUGH IT ALL AGAIN TOMORROW
IIWAA, SUGANO-SENSEI
THIS IS RATHER UNPLEASANT. AFTER ALL, IT'S PAST SCHOOL HOURS
IT'S ABOUT THE DRAMA FESTIVAL. I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE YOU ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT
cough
CLEAN UP YOUR THINGS, THEN YOU'RE ALL DISMISSED
FUJIKAWA-SENSEI

THE SCHOOL YEAR MANAGER SUGANO-SENSEI IS ALWAYS MAKING TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE, BUT
cough
AH, WAIT, CHIHARU-SAN
YES, YES. I'M BEING QUITE CAREFUL SUGANO-SENSEI!
IN THE REAL PER-FORMANCE YOU'LL BE HOLDING A GLASS WITH LIQUID INSIDE
PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE WAY YOU MOVE YOUR HAND
IT SEEMS LIKE HE AND FUJIKAWA-SENSEI HAVE AN EVEN WORSE RELATIONSHIP THAN USUAL!
WAIT! SHIMIZU -SAN
Y... YES?
TOMOKI-KUN AND SAEKO-SAN YOU BOTH NEED TO START PRACTICING WITH THE REAL PERFORMANCE IN MIND
YES MA'AM

YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE PROPS AREN'T YOU?
IF THIS HAPPENS DURING THE REAL PERFORMANCE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT!?
CHECK THE COSTUMES PROPERLY! THEY'RE COMING APART ALL OVER THE PLACE
WALK ME HOME, WILL YOU? IT'S ALREADY DARK OUT
HEY, IF WE DON'T HEAD HOME SOON SENSEI'S GOING TO GET UPSET WITH US.
AH, TOMOKI -KUN
I'M SO SORRY. I'LL FIX IT RIGHT AWAY.
AND CAN'T YOU MAKE THE PUFFS BIGGER? THEY LOOK MORE BEAUTIFUL THAT WAY.
KANAKO, TELL THEM TO LAY OFF
EVERYONE SHOULD LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN COSTUMES THEMSELVES, SHOULDN'T THEY?
SAE-CHAN
WHAT THE HELL'S HER PROBLEM?
THAT CHIHARU'S ACTING AN AWFUL LOT LIKE A REAL PRINCESS, ISN'T SHE?

I CAN'T SAY THAT
rustle
IT'S MY JOB
... GEEZ, YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT ..
EITHER WAY
I THINK YOU'D MAKE A MUCH BETTER PRINCESS THAN SHE EVER WOULD, KANAKO
BUT IT'S MESSED UP, HER GRAPPING A PART LIKE THAT JUST AFTER SHE TRANS-FERRED
BUT IT WAS FUJIKAWA-SENSEI'S DECISION
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR LINES YOU REMEMBER THEM ALL, DON'T YOU?
AND THAT' THE TEACHERS TOO!
IT'S LIKE THEY SUDDENLY CHANGED...
AND SHE'S THE ONLY VARIABLE SINCE!
BUT CHIHARU-SAN'S REALLY VERY GOOD
AND SHE'S JOINING A PROFESSIONAL THEATRE COMPANY TOO...
TCH TCH, THE PROB-LEM IS HER IMAGE
A PRINCESS SHOULD BE MUCH MORE DELICATE, SHOULDN'T SHE?
THOUGH SHE'D DO FINE SWITCHING WITH ME FOR THE PART OF THE WITCH
AH! SAE-CHAN, YOU SHOULD TRY THE PRINCESS PART!

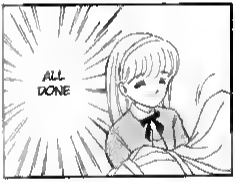
OH NO, TOMOKI-KUN'S NOT THAT WEAK
AH YES, THE EMOTIONAL LAST SCENE
IN THE EVENING, WHEN THE PRINCE HOLDS THE PRINCESS IN HIS ARMS
AND DROPS HER BECAUSE SHE'S SO HEAVY... SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
HEEH...
I GET IT NOW
N... NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
SAE-CHAA-AANNN
THE REASON YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD IN CLUB IS BECAUSE TOMOKI-KUN'S THERE, ISN'T IT?
SO THAT'S IT
YOU'VE HAD DOZENS OF CHANCES BEFORE NOW, HAVEN'T YOU?
IF IT'S SO WHY DON'T YOU ACT MORE LIKE IT?
IS IT AL-RIGHT?
JUST LETTING THAT CHIHARU GET SO CLOSE TO HIM? YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO TRY AND STOP HER?
YOU REALLY ARE— A TOTAL WIMP
I...
I COULD NEVER TELL HIM..

I BROUGHT SOME STUFF FROM THE STORE
AND BEING A STAGEHAND IS AN IMPORTANT JOB TOO
NO BEA! BUT WE'VE GOTTA HURRY EITHER WAY
ARE WE GOING TO MAKE IT BY TOMORROW?

IT WAS..

TRUE THAT I'D

WANTED TO STAND ON THE SAME STAGE AS TOMOKI-KUN .. BUT



I—IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. THOSE AREN'T FOR US.
GEEZ... YOU REALLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
THEY'RE FOR THE PLAY...
THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ALCOHOL...
WE'RE GOING TO USE IT IN THE WINE-DRINKING SCENE...
THIS IS CARBONATED, ISN'T IT?
YES,,?
IDIOT
THEY CAN'T USE THIS FOR WIN, CAN THEY?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO IRRESPONSIBLE WHEN YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF PUTTING ON A PLAY?!
AH—!
I'M SORRY
I WAS MORE WORRIED ABOUT GETTING THE COLOR RIGHT AND I WAS CARELESS
cough
Fanta
WELL, IT'S ALREADY BEEN BOUGHT, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED NOW
Y—YES
OPEN THE LID AND LEAVE IT TO FLATTEN OVERNIGHT
AND IF YOU DRINK ANY, YOU'LL BE BREAKING SCHOOL RULES
YES, SIR!
cough cough
sigh
sniff...

BUT... BUT HE DID HAVE A POINT
THOUGH HE DOES SEEM TO BE RATHER HARD ON THE DRAMA CLUB
AH, SUGANO-SENSEI'S SUCH A JERK
HE SHOULD GARGLE SOME MEDICINE OR SOMETHING TO TRY AND FIX IT
AND HE'S ALWAYS WATCHING THE DRAMA CLUB LIKE A HAWK
AND THAT WEIRD COUGH OF HIS
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE SENSEI USED TO BE IN THE DRAMA CLUB
TOMOKI-KUN
EEEH, NO WAY
WE'RE TALKIN' ABOUT THE SAME SU-GANO?
THEY WERE AMAZING
I CAN'T REALLY PUT IT INTO WORDS...
BUT IT WAS LIKE EVERYTHING AROUND THE STAGE TRANSFORMED, IN AN INSTANT, INTO A MAGICAL WORLD
IT'S TRUE
I JOINED THE DRAMA CLUB BECAUSE I ONCE SAW A PLAY THAT SUGANO-SENSEI AND FUJIKAWA-SENSEI PERFORMED IN.
HEEEH, THOSE TWO WERE IN THE SAME PLAY?

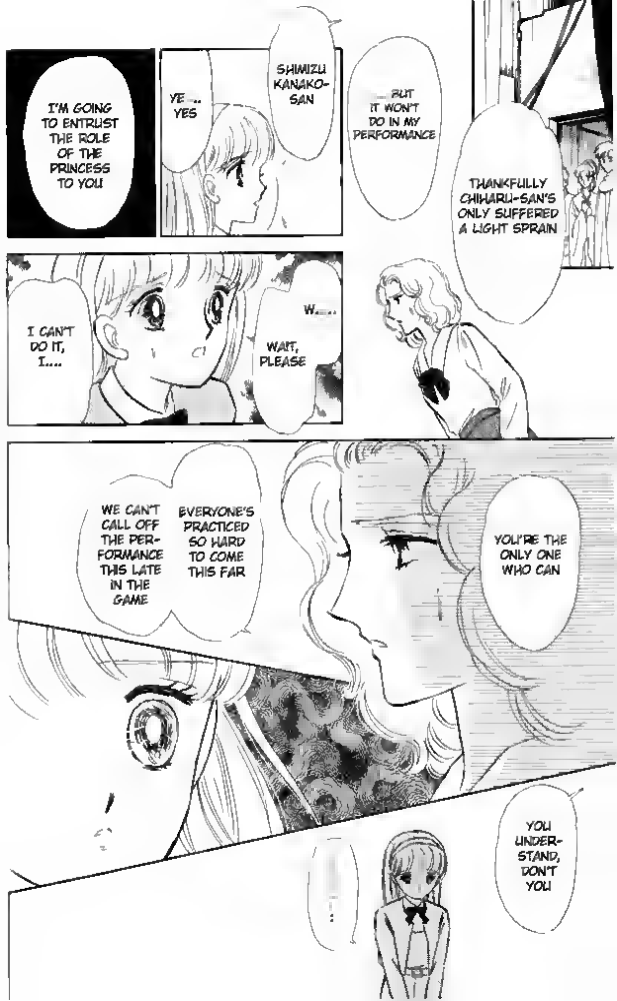
AH, I KNOW THAT FEELING
IT'S LIKE ALL AROUND THE STAGE
MELTS INTO ANOTHER WORLD ENTIRELY
AND EVERYTHING AROUND YOU IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS ONLY A FEW MOMENTS BEFORE
A DIFFERENT WAY OF LIVING, A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING
IT'S JUST A MOMENT OF MAGIC
BUT SURELY IN THAT SHORT TIME IT HAS A LIFE OF ITS' OWN.
AND IT SHINES
THAT'S IT!
A GOOD PERFORMANCE REALLY IS JUST LIKE THAT, ISN'T IT?

I HEARD THAT BECAUSE OF SUGANO-SENSEI'S THROAT PROBLEM
HE HAD TO LEAVE THE THEATRE COMPANY "G". IT'S REALLY A TERRIBLE SHAME
WOW, "G", THAT'S THE COMPANY I'M JOINING!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TOMORROW IS THE PERFORMANCE!
HURRY UP AND SEE TO YOUR COSTUMES!
A-ALRIGHT
FUJIKAWA-SENSEI HAS REALLY BEEN IRRITABLE LATEY HASN'T SHE?
rush rush
SHHHHH
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS SHOULD BE CENTER STAGE
BE MORE CAREFUL WITH YOUR STAGE DIRECTIONS!
YOU'RE TOTALLY JEALOUS AREN'T-CHA?
SAE-CHAN
OH MAAAN, COULD CHIHARU POSSIBLY BE ALL OVER HIM ANY MORE?!

TCH
KYAAA...
COLLAPSE
CHIHARU-SAN!
waa...
CHIHARU-SAN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?

TOMOKI-KUN, YOUR FINGERS AREN'T HURT ARE THEY?
QUICKLY TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE
AH... MY LEG...
OW...
S... SORRY!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
A PIN!?
IT'S A PIN...!
CHIHARU-CHAN, DON'T MOVE FOR A MINUTE
AH...

I I DION'T
I WOULD-N'T-
HANG ON! WHAT ARE YOU ACCUSING HER OF?!
YOU PUT IT THERE ON PURPOSE, DION'T YOU!?
IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT, SHIMIZU-SAN!?
CUT IT OUT! SHIMIZU WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WOULD SHE?
I'M THE ONE WHO DROPPED HER ANY-WAY, LET'S HURRY UP AND GET HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE IT'S MY FAULT
murmur murmur
NO WAY
WHY
KANAKO
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN...?
I REALLY FORGOT TO TAKE OUT THE PIN...?


I'M GOING TO ENTRUST THE ROLE OF THE PRINCESS TO YOU
YE .. YES
SHIMIZU KANAKO-SAN
... BUT IT WON'T DO IN MY PERFORMANCE
THANKFULLY CHIHARU-SAN'S ONLY SUFFERED A LIGHT SPRAIN
I CAN'T DO IT, I....
W.....
WAIT, PLEASE
WE CAN'T CALL OFF THE PER-FORMANCE THIS LATE IN THE GAME
EVERYONE'S PRACTICED SO HARD TO COME THIS FAR
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN
YOU UNDER-STAND, DON'T YOU
...

TOMOKI-KUN WILL BE BACK SOON, WON'T HE?
HE STILL NEEDS TO HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO PRACTICE
KANAKO
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
I CAN'T
...THANK YOU, SAE-CHAN
BUT...
thud
OOF
AAH
CLINK
dash
KANAKO!
I JUST CAN'T DO THIS
I... I'M SORRY
NO, IT'S
...

EXCUSE ME
N...NO, IT'S NOTHING
YOU'RE THE DRAMA CLUB'S
HM? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
cough
I HAVE TO HAVE IT WITH ME FOR MY THROAT AT ALL TIMES
IT'S MEDICINE TO GARGLE
YOU DID THIS ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU?!
NO, I DIDN'T
WHY DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN?
I WAS SURE I TOOK OUT ALL THE PINS. .
sawa
NO.....!
EVERYONE S DONE THEIR BEST AND NOW IT MIGHT ALL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED.
YOU'RE THE UNDER-STUDY

PRIN-CESS
I'VE COME TO COLLECT YOU
THERE'S NO SERIOUS DAMAGE
THOUGH I'M AFRAID SHE WAS A LITTLE MORE BEAT UP THAN ME—
UH... UM, ARE YOU HURT?
TOMOKI-KUN
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENED JUST LIKE YOU SAID, SHIMIZU
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LET'S GO BACK.
WHAT FOR, YOU DIDN'T REALLY FORGET ANY PINS IN THE DRESS DID YOU, SHIMIZU?
I'M SO SORRY...

BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE MAGIC OF THE STAGE, DON'T YOU, SHIMIZU?
YOU CAN
I... CAN'T
IT'S CAPTIVATED YOU, YOU CAN'T BE AWAY FROM IT FOR LONG, CAN YOU?
BUT SURELY IN THAT SHORT TIME IT HAS A LIFE OF IT'S OWN AND IT SHINES
IT'S ONLY A MOMENT OF MAGIC

COME ON, LET'S GO
POP POP
TOMOKI-KUN...!

HEY, HAS ANYONE SEEN FUJIKAWA-SENSEI?
MUTMUT
MUTMUT
MUTMUT
NO, SHE ISN'T ANYWHERE
BUT SHE WAS HERE THIS MORNING
WE'LL BE FINE WE'VE PRACTICED THIS A HUNDRED TIMES, WE CAN DO IT
IT CAN'T BE HELPED WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT BY OURSELVES
COUGH
DID YOU SAY FUJIKAWA-SENSEI ISN'T HERE?
IS THAT SO...?
YE...YES, WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR HER

ALRIGHT, THE GUESTS HAVEN'T READ THIS SCENARIO BEFOREHAND
WHAT'S WRONG, YOU GUYS, YOU'RE FROZEN IN PLACE
SO REMEMBER, EVEN IF YOU FORGET YOUR LINES OR PANIC
PUT SOME ELBOW GREASE INTO IT
HOWEVER IT GOES, YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONVEY TO THEM.
GOSS
THERE ARE REAL PEOPLE SURROUNDING THIS STAGE AS WE SPEAK
SO GET OUT THERE AND ENTERTAIN THEM THOROUGHLY!
ALRIGHT! DON'T WORRY YOURSELVES ABOUT FUJIKAWA-SENSE!
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HER MYSELF
DOUSH
Y....
YES SIR

KANAKO, YOU LOOK GREAT OUT THERE!
YOU TOO, SAE-CHAN
WHERE'S THE SILVER PAPER, THE SILVER PAPER
IT'S COME UNSTUCK FROM THE SWORD!
HERE, IT'S COMING APART...
GIVE IT HERE, I'LL FIX IT
CHIHARU-CHAN, YOU COULD HELP OUT A BIT RATHER THAN JUST WATCHING US STRUGGLE
YOUR HANDS STILL WORK, DON'T THEY?
OH YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
SHIMIZU'S THE PROP-GIRL, ISN'T SHE?

IT'S SHIMIZU'S FAULT THAT I CAN'T GO OUT THERE RIGHT NOW
SO WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU EXPECT ME TO HELP WITH HER WORK?!
THIS IS THE REAL THING! SO STOP MAKING TROUBLE, IT'S TOO LATE!
dash
WHAT'S WITH THAT HIGH AND MIGHTY ATTITUDE?
FROM A PRINCE THAT CAN'T EVEN HOLD UP ONE TINY GIRL...!
KANAKO, YOU'RE ALMOST UP!
AH— OKAY

Clatter
AH, HERE IT IS
WINE, WINE
IS IT READY?
Patter
Patter
Patter
Patter
Patter
Patter
WELL THEN, A TOAST---
!?

CLANK
TOMOKI-KUN'S VOICE SO FAR AWAY...?
WHY IS..
THE WITCH REALLY DID TRANSFORM INTO THE PRINCESS AFTER ALL!
SO IT'S TRUE..!
NO..!
IF I THROW IT UP, THE PLAY WILL BE RUINED...
WHAT'S THIS
THE TASTE...
THE LIGHTS HAVEN'T GONE DOWN
THE PLAY IS STILL
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING BEYOND THAT
AFTER DRINKING THE JUICE IN THE GLASS I SUDDENLY COULDN'T BREATHE...

I. DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY IT IS THAT I DIED
SOMEONE KILLED ME, DIDN'T THEY?
I WONDER HOW THE PLAY WENT AFTER THAT?
PLEASE LOOK INTO THE FLAME
IT WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
FUU
SET

THIS IS DURING THE PERFORMANCE
AAH
just before the toast scene
AH, HERE IT IS
WINE, WINE
JUMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PULL..
STEP..
EH?
DID.. YOU USE IT?
WHERE'S THE MEDICINE?
SUGANO-SENSEI..!

THIS WAY
GIVE IT BACK!
SHH
THERE'S SOME-THING IN IT...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
I TRIED TO KILL YOU...
I...
WHAT HAVE I DONE?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
TELL ME, FUJI-KAWA-SEN...
NO, YURIE
YURIE...
THAT'S NOT TRUE
YES, I KNOW
I'M NOT THE SAME PERSON I WAS BACK THEN
ALWAYS! ALWAYS! WITH THOSE BELIGERANT EYES ..
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING ME, AREN'T YOU?!

I'M NOT THE WOMAN WHO SHARED A STAGE WITH YOU
WITH ONLY A PURE LOVE OF THEATRE IN HER HEART.
NOW I'M LIKE A TOOL OF THE "S" THEATRE COMPANY
IT WAS ENOUGH THAT FOR MONEY I'VE GIVEN THE LEAD ROLE TO AN INFLUENTIAL MAN'S DAUGHTER
AND THAT I WAS IMPATIENT WITH THE STUDENTS IN MAKING EVERYTHING PERFECT...
YURIE
I WAS OKAY WITH THAT
BUT...
BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE EYES
I JUST CAN'T BEAR IT
SO I..
POISONED YOUR MEDICINE...
NO WAY!
HAA

CHI-CHI'S SNIP
IT'S EMPTY!
snatch
GIVE THAT BACK!
TH—THIS MEDICINE IS POISONED—.?
TELL ME! WHERE'S THE MEDICINE!?
I... I BUT I DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MEDICINE!?
IT'S IN THE WINE GLASSES—.
IN THE PLAY.—

NO!
IT'S TOO LATE...!
SLAM
FLICKER
WHO ARE YOU CRYING FOR?

I'M CRYING BECAUSE ...
NO ONE .. WAS REALLY A BAD PERSON ...
BECAUSE FUJIKAWA-SENSEI WAS BEING WATCHED BY SUGANO-SENSEI
BECAUSE HE REALLY JUST LOVED THE THEATRE AND WAS HAVING A HARD TIME WHEN HE REMEMBERED WHAT IT WAS LIKE.
SURELY . . .
EVEN NOW, SUGANO-SENSEI ..
ALL BECAUSE I DIED..
IS PROBABLY MORE DISCOURAGED THAN EVER. .
.. IT'S QUITE A FIX, ISN'T IT?
AS THINGS STAND NOW, YOU'RE STILL WANDERING LOST ..
BUT--- IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE WAY TO RESOLVE ALL OF THIS, DOESN'T IT?

WHERE IS THE REAL PRINCESS!?
NOW REVEAL HER TRUE IDENTITY!
SO IT'S TRUE...!
THE WITCH REALLY DID TRANSFORM INTO THE PRINCESS AFTER ALL!
THE ONE YOU'VE KILLED IS YOUR VERY OWN PRINCESS!
THERE WAS POISON IN THAT WINE
THE WITCH'S
YOU'RE...
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR PRINCESS, SHE'S RIGHT THERE WRITHING ON THE FLOOR IN PAIN. ISN'T SHE?
WOOOOOHOHOHO..
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
PRINCESS?
SHE'S
NOT BREATHING---!
haa!

WHAT'S WRONG TOMOKI-KUN?
EEH
THE CURTAIN!
SUGANO-SENSEI!
CONTINUE WITH THE PLAY
HURRY
CALL AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY
BU... BUT
SUGANO-SENSEI!
WAIT
NOW, LET EVERYONE HEAR YOUR OATH!
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR PRINCESS, YOU MUST SWEAR TO TAKE ME AS YOUR EMPRESS
IF YOU DO, THE ANTIDOTE IS YOURS...
PRINCE
IF YOU ADMINISTER THIS ANTIDOTE QUICKLY, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR PRINCESS
<SFX> MURMUR MURMUR
haa

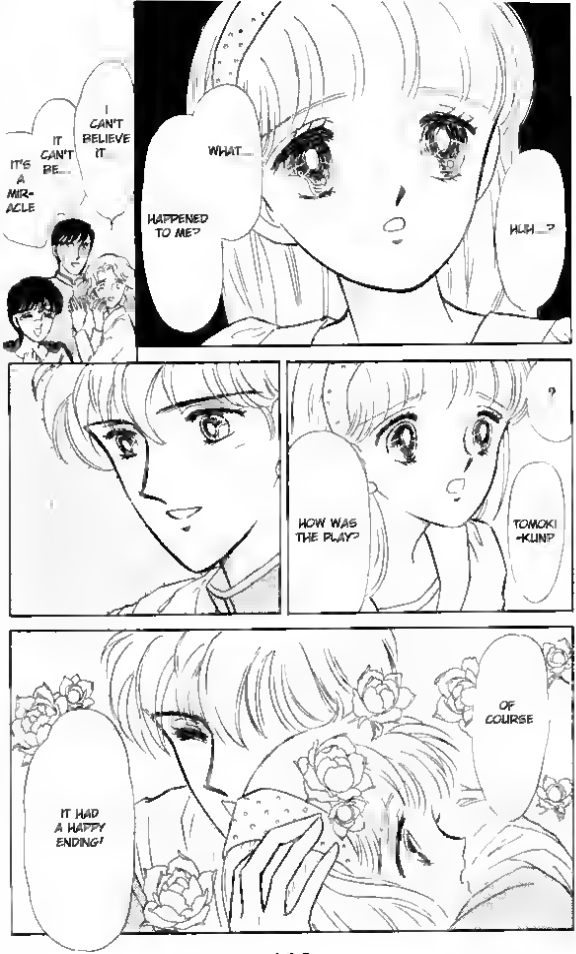
WH... WHAT...?
THE ONE WHO'S TOPPLED THE PRINCESS IS YOU, MY PRINCE
YOU NEED ONLY BELIEVE IN HER
THE ANTIDOTE THE WITCH HOLDS IS THE TRUE POISON
EEH
SUGANO-SENSEI!?
DON'T BE DECEIVED, PRINCE!
YOUR DOUBT IN HER
HAS CAUSED THE PRINCESS TO FALL INTO A LONG, SORROWFUL SLEEP!
YOU MUST WAIT, MY PRINCE.
CAN YOU REALLY BEAR THAT KIND OF LONLINESS AND WAIT FOR THE PRINCESS FOR COUNTLESS YEARS?
THE ONLY THING THAT WILL AWAKEN HER NOW
IS YOUR LOVE

PLEASE FORGIVE ME, PRINCESS.
I'LL WAIT UNTIL THE DAY WHEN YOUR BEAUTIFUL EYES LOOK UPON ME ONCE AGAIN
I'LL WAIT WITH NOTHING BUT THE SINCEREST LOVE FOR YOU IN MY HEART
---I WILL WAIT
I WAS FOOLISH DOUBTING THE PRINCESS ON ACCOUNT OF VICIOUS RUMORS
clap
clap
clap
clap
clap
clap
clap
clap

I'VE... KILLED HER
ONLY BECAUSE I'VE HOUNDED YOU
AND ALL BECAUSE I LONGED TO RETURN TO THE GLORY DAYS OF MY PAST...
I... I DIDN'T KNOW!
I WANTED TO GIVE THE WINE A STRANGE TASTE...
I ONLY WANTED TO EMBARASS HER ONSTAGE AND MAKE YOU ALL APPRECIATE ME AS HER BETTER... THAT'S ALL...
FORGIVE ME, KANAKO
Waaaaaaa
IT'S MY FAULT
IT'S ALL MY FAULT
S... SAEKO-SAN?

I'M SO SORRY, KANAKO
I WISH I HAD DIED INSTEAD
AND THEN...
SOMETHING SO TERRIBLE HAPPENED ... I DIDN'T MEAN FOR IT TO GO THIS FAR!
BECAUSE YOU WERE BEING SUCH A BRAT, CHIHARU
I THOUGHT I'D GIVE YOU A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE
THE ONE WHO PUT THE PIN IN THE DRESS... WAS ME
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
Waaaaa
IF THE PLAY CONTINUED..
THEN SOMEDAY YOU WOULD WAKE
I WONDER HOW LONG I WOULD HAVE TO WAIT
BUT IT REALLY...
LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU MIGHT ONLY BE SLEEPING
THERE'S A LITTLE EVIL HIDING HERE AND THERE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS
AND IT SEEMS THAT IT REALLY SET YOU INTO ETERNAL SLEEP

KA...
KANAKO!?


HUH...?
WHAT...
HAPPENED TO ME?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
IT CAN'T BE...
IT'S A MIR-ACLE
?
TOMOKI-KUN?
HOW WAS THE PLAY?
OF COURSE
IT HAD A HAPPY ENDING!